Ban on coffee exports

771. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA:
SHRI G. Y. KRISHNAN:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in September last Government had banned the export of coffee to bring down the rising domestic prices;

(b) if so, to what extent the objective of containing the coffee prices has been achieved and the extent to which Government has suffered a loss in foreign exchange on banning the export of coffee; and

(c) whether Government propose to review the coffee policy?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) Yes, Sir, The Government in August, 94 fixed a ceiling on export of coffee in August 1994 and banned exports of certain low grades of coffee with a view to improve the domestic availability of coffee.

(b) and (c) With the above steps taken by the Government, the domestic prices of coffee have been showing downward trend. There has been no loss of foreign exchange whatsoever since the export ceiling was prescribed as per the target of exports of 1994-95. In fact, the export during the year has been an all time high.

Stipulation for export of 'BIO-TEA'

772. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU:
SHRIMATI CHANDRA KALA PANDEY:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a stipulation for 'Bio-tea' or "Organic tea" from some major importer countries of tea from India;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof including the minimum residual limits fixed;

(c) whether this has affected the tea-export to other countries vis-a-vis other exporter countries; and

(d) if so, what action is being taken by Government to maintain the competitiveness of Indian tea in export market?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. European Union have published detailed procedure with regard to organic production of agricultural products by the member countries and their imports from third countries. The guidelines published by European Union inter-alia include procedure for labelling of organic products, rules for production inspection system procedure for import of organic products from third countries etc.

(c) No, Sir, Bio-teas are exported from India by some enlisted producers in a limited way and this has not affected the overall tea exports from the country.

(d) Does not arise in view of the reply to (c) above.

निर्यातक कंपनियों के कार्यकरण की पुनरीक्षा

773 श्री ईश्वर यादव
श्री आर. एल. हम्मद :

क्या वाणिज्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार निर्यात करने वाली कंपनियों के कार्यकरण की समय-समय पर पुनरीक्षा करती है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या गत तीन वर्षों के दौरान दोषी कम्पनियों के विरुद्ध कोई कार्यवाई की गई है ,

(ग) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है ; और

(घ) यदि नहीं, तो उसके क्या कारण है ?

वाणिज्य मंत्री (श्री प्रणव मुखर्जी) : (क) से (घ) : देश का विदेश व्यापार (विकास और विनियमन) अधिनियम, 1992 के अधीन विनियमित किया जाता है । इस अधिनियम के प्रावधानों को कार्यान्वित करने के लिए विदेश व्यापार (विनियमन) नियम 1993 बनाए गए हैं। इस अधिनियम की धारा 5 के अंतर्गत सरकार आयात-निर्यात नीति बनाती है तथा उसे घोषित करती है । इस अधिनियम, नियम या आयात-निर्यात नीति में इस बात का प्रावधान नहीं है कि निर्यात में रत कंपनियों की कार्यप्रणाली की समीक्षा की जाए । इस अधिनियम, नियम या नीति के प्रावधानों के उल्लंघन पर दोषी कंपनियों के खिलाफ उचित कार्रवाई शुरु की जाती है । पूर्ववर्ती आयात-निर्यात (नियन्त्रण) अधिनियम, 1947 और उनके अंतर्गत बनाए गए आदेशों तथा विदेश व्यापार (विकास और विनियमन) अधिनियम, 1992 के अंतर्गत पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान जिन कंपनियों के खिलाफ कार्रवाई की गई उनकी संख्या निम्नलिखित है :—

वर्ष	बहिष्कृत फर्मों की संख्या	उन फर्मों की संख्या जिन पर अर्थदंड लगाया गया
1991–92	302	281
1992–93	130	188
1993–94	40	58

USA Delaying Gatt Ratification

774. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA:
SHRI G. G. SWELL:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that USA is delaying the ratification of GATT?

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government have made any preliminary assessment of the emerging implications of India's exports and imports as a result of the latest outcome of gatt;

(d) if so, what are the details thereof;

(e) what is the export and import in terms of rupees during the current year till date and how it compares with imports and exports during the last three years; and

(f) what is the expected growth of export and import in terms of Dollar and Rupee by the end of the current plan?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) The USA is reported to have completed its domestic ratification procedures.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) : The Government is in the process of getting the market access schedules on goods and services analysed in detail in order to identify the goods, services and markets providing the greatest export potential for India. Such an analysis would assist in the formulation of appropriate policies with a view to maximising the benefits from the Uruguay Round Agreement. However, according to a GATT Secretariat estimate, the largest increase in trade is likely to occur in the areas of textiles and